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#### The New General Officers.

It is inevitable that the President's ninees for promotion to the rank of Mator Coneral and Brigadier Cleneral will be criticised as too old for the ordness task of leading modern armies in modern war. Of them it will be said that they cannot adjust nselves to the new conditions introduced on European battle elds, and that their training has progressed so far that they cannot adapt themwives to the novel practices now followed. The mond of their selection—by seniority—naturally bars the saince to said to want under him, we cannot expect the apparent gnoring of his advice to be entirely

But some, at least, of the men ad vanced will prove responsive to the lessons taught on the battle front; and that any selective process which arrangement is Judge John F might have been adopted to obtain ounger officers would have produced better results may be questioned. Beyond doubt the appointing power would have been accused of favoritam and the charge would have been made that political and personal in-Buence had been used in behalf of those who received promotion, or against others to whom it was depled. The faults of the system followed are familiar to everybody but we must not overlook the fact that any other method would have weaknesses glaringly apparent when its operation was under observation.

So far as mere age is concerned It must be borne in mind that not all he men who have won fame since the war began are youngsters. Many of them have passed the period of their earlier vigor. This is not to eav that younger men are not needed but that older soldiers are not to be ruled out of active participation in the war by arbitrary regulation. In the formation of the new armies there will be opportunity to test the capacity of its commanders, and should any of them prove unequal to and the Cherub on the other. A parahis job he can be relieved before he graph which our correspondent marks s the front. Rigid adherence as particularly good reading is the to high standards of professional accomplishment will weed out those who for any reason are unfit, and shipman on board the Essex, thirteen leave the competent to undertake the years of age, was knocked down by heavy labors that will be imposed on splinter which struck him on the thigh, the new Generals.

The seniority system of promotion of the action. While supporting himfulls far short of the ideal. Seniority self by the railing which was placed would have held up PERSHING, in around the hatchway, on the quarter whom there is every confidence; and deck, an eighteen pound ball carried as the establishment of the military away the tail of his coatee. Several on its new basis goes forward we may expect to see it modified to meet the the slightest change was perceived needs of the country. Meanwhile, either in his countenance or manners. the President seems to have done his But no sooner were the colours struck, best to meet the exigencles of a diffi- than he burst into tears." cult emergency.

## An Impressive Lesson From the DAVID, not DANIEL. We join with our

The gentlemen composing the spe cial mission to Russia, in whose expect to see many Midshipmen Farhonor this city gave an official reception yesterday, are entitled to the the navy at the age of 9. Fancy a thanks and felicitations which have been conferred on them wherever they have been since their return from Petrograd. We have already spoken of the importance of the a reminder of the span of history that transactions in which they had a one or two men cover. When Davy leading part, of the skill with which was having his coat talls shot away they conducted the negotiations en- off the Chilean coast Bonapark was trusted to them, and the ultimate still unconquered, making a last desuccess which we believe will come fence of Paris, with Elba just shead. their association that has scarcely the grown up Davin when he damned been alluded to, however, deserves the torpedoes from the rigging of the consideration.

The mission is composed of repre- tain DRAYTON, go ahead!" sentatives of practically every faction in America. Its members are citizens whose political affiliations in the past have been such as to make harmonious cooperation among them a sceming impossibility. The opinions they hold as to the manner in which the affairs of the nation should be regulated and the best interests of society promoted, have been, and it, we are informed, "inspt, undignipresumably still are, radically op- fied and irritating." ed. In normal times a project to unite them in the pursuit of a com- born on this side of the Atlantic, either side. mon object would not receive serious The despatches from a French port upleting a task of the utmost diffi- disembarked announced that the naculty, to the successful accomplish- lives of the city had joyously greeted out. It was in 1905 when he acquired

Examined with this thought in one frog, for the officers abroad in- staked his depositors' money on his

mind, the Russian mission presents ple truly representative of the nation mbers are serving. Exactly as their divergent beliefs on matters of nickname. Uncle Saw cannot be denoment not essential to the vital cently diminutized. "Sammy" is the work on which we have entered have provincial English name for a lackbeen laid aside that the larger labor at hand may be attacked and disposed of without consideration of other subjects, so the great mass of the American people have buried their political differences and put away their conflicting theories of social affairs that all their strength may be exerted for the common defence. If here and there a malcontent attracts notice, it is because the solidarity of his fellow citizens offers a background of impressive singleness of opinion against which he can pose to advantage. If an occasional politician receives notoriety by conduct in contrast to that of others in the public service, his temporary con-

spicuousness is a testimonial to the

union of which he is not a member;

the fact of his swiftly passing promi

nence is in reality a tribute to the

overwhelming determination he seeks

Thus the mission to Russia testi

fles not only to the capacity of its

own members, but to the undivided

and indivisible sentiment of the coun-

try it has represented abroad and

typifies at home. In this it renders

a function of double value; for analy-

sis of its membership and study of

the motive that made its composition

possible, and brought about coordi-

nation of the divergent elements it

epitomizes, will disabuse the mind of

any enemy of the republic who con-

ceives for a moment of an America

not irrevocably committed to a suc-

cessful struggle, whatever its cost

may be, for the preservation of the

Judge JOHN F. HYLAN of Kings

county appears to be an industrious.

energetic citizen whose adverse opin

ion as to the propriety of committing

executive function to citizens of legal

training is open to cheerful revision

when the beneficiary of the proposed

We shall not chide Judge HYLAN on

account of the inconsistency of his

nets in August, 1917, and his words

in 1916. He is a Tammany candidate

for office; and is not inconsistency in

word and deed the crowning jewel,

changing political characteristic of

Tammany statesmen, whatever the

A Page From an Old Magazine.

A friend of THE SUN whose gorge

rises as he reads about the slackers

sends to us some pages, yellow with

age, from the Portfolio, a periodical

published in Philadelphia more than

e century ago by "Oliver Oldschool."

the pseudonym of Joseph DENNIE

"the only man in the country who

made literature a profession." as they

The Portfolio was a magazine with

news features, and in this particular

issue, dated September, 1814, it had

an article about the fight in Valra-

raiso harbor in March, 1814, betwee

the Essex on one side and the Phœb

"DANIEL GLASGOW FARRAGUT-a mid-

and disabled him during the remainder

men were killed very near him, yet not

Of course the Portfolio had the

youth's name incorrectly, for it was

friend in hoping that the little story

may carry inspiration. Not that we

raguts. Our lads no longer go into

modern boy of 12 made prize master

of a captured ship, as DAYY was

Incidentally, the yellow leaves ar

"Sammy" Won't Do.

It is evident, from the earnestness

The objectionable name was not

But the lesson is there.

the imperishable decoration, the un-

ideals of the United States.

to oppose.

HYLAN.

Jobs they seek?

then said of him.

Bevenge May Cost Too Much.

or, more briefly, as Yankees.

their acquaintance.

All the evidence is against the

brain. It is West Point slang for mo-

asses, and our men are not slow.

favor-"Johnny Yanks," a combina-

tion of "Johnny Reb" and "Yanks."

The objection to this will be that it

is too long. Perhaps, as has been

suggested, a good name will be found

in the war. Meanwhile most of us

will think of the men as Americans,

Justice Cropsey's present position in politics is forcibly reminiscent of FINNEGAN of railroad fame. At the Republican primaries.

One can sympathize with the jus noment, contemplates. Indubitably he was made the catenaw of men professing to be his friends who encouraged him to appear as a receptive Mayorulty candidate in order that they might extort a greater share of recognition from the fusion

Naturally the Justice meditates rerenge. No man wears the double cross pinned to his bosom without esentment against the fellows that so decorated him. With his ability, popularity and unblemished record Justice Chopsey would make a show ing in the Republican primaries that might greatly disquiet leaders of that party-especially in Brooklyn. Some of them might have to support him however distasteful it might be, or ose their leadership.

Conceivably the Justice might bear Mayor MITCHEL in the Republican primaries, thus assuring a three cor nered Mayoralty fight and the prob able election of the Tammany candl date. Would that not be rather a high price for New York to pay that Justice Cropsey might be revenged? Would not the Justice himself pay dear for his whistle if to gratify a personal pique he incurred the responsibility of thrusting Greater New York back into the grasp of the Tam many plunderbund?

Thus far Justice Crorsey has been silent. Public information as to reported projects and changes of plan had come from volunteer and perhaps upauthorized interpreters of his intentions. Surely he will be wise now if he abandons any latent purpose of salving his sores by inflicting an almost irreparable injury upon the pec ple of Greater New York

## The Passing of the Wheat Pit.

Sic transit gloria mundl. The Chi cago wheat pit is in twilight. In a few days it will be closed. Closed by the iconoclastic activities of a person named Hooves who thinks wheat is made to eat, not to serve as a gambling counter. But, oh, the wail of the Chicagoese!

Silence broods over that polygonal ries of the giants in combat. The pallid ghost of "Old Heren," of "Syp" KENT, of "Old PHIL" ARMOUR and "JIM" PATTEN, both still very much in the flesh, may well haunt that ampitheatre in which in other days they staked millions on their ability to control the food of the world, and emptied the bread this of nations that they might fill their pockets. Titanic were the struggles. Napoleonic the strategy, as when in 1898 PHIL ARMOUR blasted away the ice in the harbor of Duluth that he might release his ice bound wheat ships and make due delivery in Chicago to the undoing of "Young Joe" LEITER, most dashing speculator of all. "I could have cleaned up \$3,000,-000 on the deal at one time," said LEITER after "Old PHIL" had beaten him to his knees, "but that looked like 30 cents to mc. I wanted some real money."

History records many corners engineered in the old wheat pit. Many a quaint character stood there defiant and bluffed the world to offer him more wheat than he could buy. "Old HUTCH." B. P. HUTCHISON, who in 1888 put wheat up to two dollars. then an unheard of price, was one of the queerest fish in the pool. Hanfrom their efforts. One aspect of Yet men live to-day who were with dling millions as though they were coppers, he dressed like a country parson, lived mostly in a four dollar Hartford and cried "Four bells! Capa week furnished room and lunched on an apple—a veritable Russell Sage of the pit. Twenty years he dominated the activities of that arena, made and lost millions, and finally died in with which American officers in poverty after having been supported France discuss a matter which may in old age by his son. Not the hazard have appeared trivial, that the use but the game was "Old HUTCH's" inof "Sammy" as a nickname for our terest. Win or lose he was ahead by troops is not only unwelcome to but the joy of the gamble. When things resented by the men. They consider were dull he would pass cards around among a lot of brokers and ask them

JOHN W. GATES, he of the "bet you consideration. But to-day they are at which some of our first soldiers a million" slogan, figured often in the pit. No man of his type could stay ment of which each has given his the Americans with cries of "Sam- between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 most carnest endeavor, under condi | mee !" The apparent spontanelty of bushels. The end of the Gates cortions that, if failure was to be the name had its merits. If the ner was enshrouded in mystery. avoided, required exoperation of a French insisted on the nickname, and Though prices broke heavily be was kind that can be looked for only from none better was heard, why not use believed to have got out whole. But men who are completely devoted to it? But it may be that the cry of getting out whole was no certain the purpose engaging them, and whose "Sammee" at the French pier was result of efforts to dictate wheat convictions are based in sincere con-like the cronk of the thousand frogs prices. A. E. HARPER, president of which when counted proved to be the Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati.

to write their bets on the price of

wheat on them. He took all bets on

sist that, outside of the American ability to conduct a corner, and ended a cross section of the American peo- newspapers, "Sammy" is foreign to a broken man in the pentientiary. Our own bygone fellow townsman JAMES R. KEENE could not resist trying so fascinating a sport. Having accumulated a vast stock be found he could not sell without breaking the price disastrously. The situation attracted the benevolent attention of JAY GOULD, who used his control of What nickname, then, if any? The the Western Union to circulate induscables from the American camp in triously so large a crop of bear ru-France mention only one that found mors as to break prices and almost to break Mr. KEENE-needless to say to the profit of the then "Wigard of

Wall Street."

But the only corner that attained such proportions as to affect the price of food the world over, which sent up the price of the loaf in the United States almost as the worldwide war has elevated it, was that engineered by JOSEPH LEITER. He took wheat at 64% cents and sold his last for \$1.75. two immortal figures in Irish litera- Yet he lost millions. The farmers ture—the fien who when you put profited hugely and '98 being the day your finger on him wasn't there, and of populistic strength the name of Leiter was much applauded in Kanpresent moment the Justice is "on sas and Nebraska politics. Though in again" and vows he will run in the later days LEITER ascribed his failure to the trenchery of an associate, i was rather the wealth, resourcefulness inable wrath of the Justice and still and pertinacity of his antagonist P. question alike the swisdom and the D. Armour that proved his undoing. patriotism of the course he, for the That leviathan of pork and beef em ployed his agencies all over the wheat belt to detect and commandeer unsus pected stores of wheat. He engaged special trains and fast boats to bring it for delivery, and poured out upon the luckless Joseph such a store of wheat as the earlier Joseph who engipeered the successful corner in Egypt never could have imagined.

But now the pit is closed-dark as the pit from pole to pole. It will be a sorrow to Chicago, for a "little filer in wheat" has been almost as common an amusement there as patronizing a handbook is in New York, since betting on horse racing has been "rigidly suppressed." The great figures of the wheat nit will in due time become as legendary as George HANK-INS. MIKE McDonald and the other light fingered gentry of the Clark street card palaces. Romance recedes. Realty and Hooves rule.

It's a different Chicago. It's a different world. We wonder whether this initial success means that Mr. Hooven is really going to get for us some actually different-and lowerfood prices.

No pit remains for the wheat speculator except the bottomless one.

In the dawning of this new day of stress and strain let us forget the little molebills that have been exaggerated into mountains to bar) our good relations.—Viscount K. Ishir.

The molehill looms large to the an that creeps at its base; but a man standing on a mountain does not see it. The Allies are climbing steadily. and when we have reached the peak we shall master, many things that once seemed mighty will be obliter

A German diver who left the coun try to salvage the guns of the wrecked derhphis at Santo Domingo has been refused readmittance to the United States as an enemy alien and is liable to deportation. He took out his first papers in February. War or peace the laws and regulations governing admission to the United States have curious way of accomplishing exactly what nobody wants done.

The picketing suffragettes invite a he horrors of war and enjoy none of

As I conceive the issue in this paign it is the moneyed interests versus he people Judge HTLAN

its glory.

The conception is false. Any of and the astral bodies of "JOE" LEITER MURPHY's district leaders will assure the Judge that Tammany, far from being a moneyed interest, is broke.

The country is deeply interested in the progress of shipbuilding under the auspices of Admiral Capps and Chair man HURLEY, but it does not Mr. DENMAN's enthusiasm for the history of a not remote period when stenographers, and not shipwrights did the bulk of the Shipping Board's construction. The sound of the ham mer, not the tap of the typewriter, is what we want to hear.

The attention of the public is invited to the deliberate attempt of the respon sible agent of the Navy League to pub statement which, even if ald not have been given out with out reference to the Department .- Secretary DANIELS. Did Josephus want to "elaborate

It has been shown that the safety appliances of one of the trolley cars wrecked at North Branford had been rendered inoperative by means of tape bound about them. The enforcement of safety first rules appears to neces situte the invention of fool proof em ployees for railways.

China shows signs of being thoroughly awake.

#### PRICE CONTROL. Neither Lawmaker Nor Executive Can Manage Business Justly.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Periodically for upward of two thousand years attempts have been made to control prices by law, invariably with more or less disastrous results.

No man, be he lawyer, editor, pro fessor or politician, can sit in Washington and decide on a fair price. The con tractor himself does not know. If he ! wise and conservative he makes his price high enough to cover every possible contingency or rise in the labor or material market. If he guesses right he makes large profits. If wrong, he goes bankrupt. Munition makers for the Allies, taking contracts for the same material and at practically the same prices, can be found in both these

After the work is completed and the contract closed the amount of profit is no longer speculative. It is a matter of expert accounting. If, then, a percentage of the ascertained profit is take by the Government, the contractor has some security that he will not go broke. and business is not disrupted.

The British are wise enough to se and act upon these simple truths, which seem axiomatic, but a stumbling block to our solons in Washington. BROOKLYN, August 15.

PEACE TERMS.

Eighteen Domands That Might Be Made by the Victorious Allies.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir : Peac erms appear at the present time all the pro-German followers of the shoe Bill Stone down through the Ridderbund to Herr Wilhelm Hörst.

To ease their troubled minds, as they

see Germany tottering to a fall, it would terms on which Germany can secure that The dethronement of the Hohenzollerns of and by the people.

The restoration by Germany of the f "fines levied upon municipalities." The restoration by Germany of the Americans who must respond to the first funds stolen from the banks of Belgium | call to the colors." Does this mean that and northern France.

from the factories of Belgium and ican" blood? orthern France. The return to Denmark

stolen by Bismarck in 1866. The cession by Austria to Italy of the step regarding aliens which this country Trentino, the city of Trieste and the astern coast of the Adriatic.

The establishment of a Polish republic n the territory of the former kingdom The expulsion of the Turks from

uropean Turkey and the internationalization of Constantinople. The liberation of Syria and Mesootamia from Turkish misrule. The division of the long miss lerman colonies among the Allies,

The division of the German naval vesels among the Allies. The return of Heligoland to Great

The surrender to the Allies of German erchant tonnage equivalent to the toniage destroyed by the piratical subnarine warfare.

The payment by Germany of all claims or cargoes destroyed and of damages

The payment by Germany for all estorations of buildings, public and priate, destroyed by their armies. The return to the owners of all obects of art, silverware, rare books and other articles stolen by the German

ories, or full payment therefor. The payment of a heavy indemnity by Germany, of such amount as may be deermined by the Allies, but not to be less

russia on France in 1871. Allies in garrison at Berlin, Hamburg and such other points as the War Council of the Allies may direct, until all the bove conditions of the Allies are fully A STUDENT OF THE WAR. NEW YORK, August 15.

THE WHEELS OF FINANCE. Those Little Wheels Within 'Em An-

noy the Innocent Investor. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: When farmer in Iowa buys a horse he gets regular horse, right on the hoof; not a promise of "a definitive horse when prepared." When he buys a Liberty When he buys a Liberty ond he gets a receipt from the bank, and after several months an interim cer ificate, payable to bearer.

Now in the neighborhood of Wall Street people have become reconciled to such doings. A citisen buys ten shares of stock, and hastens to the transfer ffice of the company. There he finds that the corporation is in that state of mysterious catalepsy which obtains when "the books are closed." After the company comes out of this trance and the nvestor has broken through the barbed and navy respect and treat their flag wire entanglements of the transfer de- and there will be no fault to find. The eived no evidence of ownership in anything in particular, but a certificate Never is it allowed to remain out during promising participation in the handouts the night. In bad weather a small of a holdup company or voting trust. storm flag is substituted. here has been a reorganization and the drawal of the flag from common use investor receives an armful of docu- and that we may have such good news nents, such as two shares of new pre- from the front soon that we will have ferred stock, three shares of common the privilege of using our flags again, stock, three collapsible income bonds, two portions of scrip and a half portion of scrap. The julcy cumulative diviends are settled for with thirty-five cents in cash and an adjustable sunker

neldental rights or wrongs. Investors living in the financial atosphere understand about such things and are very much pleased. But when Benjamin Franklin Smith, a plain armer, digs up a hundred dollars and lends it to Uncle Samuel in time of rouble he would like to get a Governnent bond payable to Benjamin Frank-That would be indeed a hond between uncle and nephew. would represent a real transaction beween real folks. As to the interim certificate, if Mr. Smith leaves it in the oureau drawer upstairs an interim porch climber may call for it. If he buries it under the gooseberry bush the lefinitive pigs will root it up.

The same bond paper and the sam mount of ink might have been used to print a good enough bond capable of egistration. If the investor should desire as a solace for his declining years it is the mere cost of getting out these part of indignant citizens. things is in itself no joke. The delay, annovance, anxiety and disquiet get upon to turn out more billions

ome one recently remarked that certain bureaucrats would be ideal public tiency were commensurate with their exactions"; which sounds somewhat like old Dr. Johnson in collaboration with B. Disraeli.

EDWIN W. SANBORN New York, August 15.

## TRADE BRIEFS.

Ontical goods of American manufacture might find a sale in the Riga consular district. Russia, if properly advertised. Shipments from European countries have should be in Russian.

Catalogues of American goods of al kinds are wanted at the consulate a Batavia, Java. Peruvian merchants are in the market for shoe eyelets and lacing hooks.

A firm in Brazil is ceeking a market in this country for castor seed, careguda way, beans, rubber, coffee, cotton and mandioca flour. Electric locomotives, preferably running

on storage batteries, are wanted for us; on the Cusco-Santa Ana Rallwey, reports Commercial Attaché W. F. Montavon at Lima, Peru. Scandinavian countries are suff ring

from a shortage of coal, and fuel saving devices are greatly in demand. An en-ergetic allvertising campaign would dea profitable market for American

SHIELDING THE ALIEN. Another Glorious Burden Americans Are Urred to Bear.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SU: The various measures under consideration for the drafting and deporting of allens suggest this question: "Is not the United States too proud to make allens fight

We have been rightly told that Amer ica owes her protection so far to the Allies. The Allies having for three seem a kindness to state the minimum | years fought America's battles along with their own, is the United States now going to make resident aliens fight her battles for her?

ago that if a million eligible aliens were procured by the draft it "would ions of france stolen under the name | mean a reduction of approximately 10 per cent, in the number of young nativ the United States deems it right and The return by Germany of the tons of proper that in her war foreign blood aluable machinery and material stolen | must first be shed to save "native Ame

Is it not a fact that none of the The return to Denmark of her Allies during the three years of war, ovinces of Schleswig and Holstein, with all its tremendous drain and sacriin the first year of war, with her resources in men untouched, now seeks to

take? Americans in Congress and out of the would show a much finer and nobler spirit if. fully realizing the glorious ideals for which this war is being fought, as well as for the safety of home and country, they said, "This is our fight, and as long as we have men

orted by facts.

the whole, false,

Mallet says:

Huns and Goths.

about the Tanals River.

beria, and in a northwesterly course

The customs, habits, traits and be

those of the early Germans, and I

may add with those of the later, as

ject them to the strong." That "the

themselves on the side of the strong."

"They wor-

through Russia and Germany."

dealing with this subject; moreover

tending entirely across northern Asia

our fighting for us." It would be a point of honor in many countries, and all this talk of letting the allen do it seems rather ignoble.

ANOTHER WOMAN. APOPKA, Fla., August 12.

## THE FLAG.

Is Its Constant Display Taking the Edge Off Enthusiasm? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SW: Has

it not occurred to you that the American flag has become a too comm sight on the streets of New York? When the enthusiasm for displaying and Europe, from Siberia to Lapland. the flag became so rampant I was one of the first to show my "patriotism" by putting out flags. But as the months have rolled by

the flags upon the streets have become torn, ragged and dirty. The precious flag has become too common. The inspiring effect has gone. Our enthusi-The maintenance at the expense of asm, stirred by the novelty at first, has ermany of sufficient troops of the become dulled. We no longer see the touch my hat as I pass under a beautiful banner of liberty.

A soiled, tattered flag for display purposes is out of the question; so it means now that the public must buy new flags at a greatly increased price. At this that we are called to use in quantity cost so much, it becomes a national ex-travagance and should not be encouraged or overlooked.

Recently I realized that the first lot of flags were about worn out. Few the time and trouble to lower the flag at night, which is the only proper way. It is gross neglect and an insult to leave it out all night, so the army regu-

I have given instructions not to display again until there is some good eason, such as a victory, the sinking of enemy ships or news that is the cause

The fact is we have got to limit the a treat for the eyes again.

Let the public notice how or after the proper and prescribed times.

with moderation and discretion CLARENCE H. EAGLE.

Major N. G. N. Y., Reserve List. NEW YORK, August 15.

#### WHY PROTECT VIPERS? A Serious Problem for Patriotic Men and Women to Consider.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The wellers in the small town where I am solourning more than doubled their tion quotas, and are meeting the draft fully and without complaint. What is agitating and disturbing

them is the fact that while they are giving up freely the best of their young men and more than a generous proportion of their means, open public enemies who disavow allegiance to this or any Government, who advocate destruction of property and the overthrow of all authority, and who are doing their ut- that the Scythians were seated in the most to cripple and hinder the United region north of the Black Sea, on or States in the prosecution of a war in which its existence and that of all free shipped Mars," that is, a deity having cant. It is not a noble animal, but it institutions are at stake, are permitted the attributes of Mars, "under the form is a cruel one. In any case, it suited more elaborate bond an option of to go at large and carry on their ac- of a naked sword." They drank out the Germans to adopt it as a type, to substitution might be provided for. As tivities without hindrance, except on the of human skulls, carried their families call themselves by its name and to If these vipers can find protection

under the law, and they always claim it, while refusing to recognize any law shipped their (first) god of war, Tyr. make trouble when the machine is called as binding on them, should not the law under the form of a sword, drank out philosophically as rules of conduct be so changed by Congress before it adjourns that all known anarchists and families about in wagons and were of morals, if the term can be applied I. W. W.s can be seized and put into savage and feroclous. We read that to a system of thought that denies concentration camps under strict guard they "breathed nothing but war." That the existence of morals. The old where they will be harmless until the they "created their gods after their schrecklichkeit has come down with war is over and then deported? We have already gone much further

than that in some directions in selfprotective legislation of the most arbi- testible title over the weak, a visible rary sort and of doubtful constitu- mark that God had intended to sub- Hun renascence nothing is stranger tionality, where the need is far less mperative. Why go abroad to fight a foreign

nemy when we tolerate and protect in our country large numbers who are cooperating with our enemies and doing their utmost to destroy us?

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., August 15.

Cobe Richardson has made a discoverthat may lead to the eradication of the chigger-now the worst in many years. this, to be drunk. Cobe says the mother bug lays about donen eggs in a nest and hatches them like a hen hatches a broad of chicks. He says the thing to do is to find the nest and destroy the eggs while they are fresh

#### Kansas Scenery. From the Topeka Capital.

Our town is located in the middle of flat, uninviting country and about the only scenery of which we boast is Miss Lelta Constance Feutheringham, who buys

# A DIP INTO THE ORIGIN OF SOME OF THE GERMAN PEOPLES.

Accept Isaac Taylor as Against Gibbon and You Find That the Hun Blood Outweighs the Teuten.

The Germans are commonly con- | "cannot claim to be descended from sidered a Teutonic people. They are the Teutons," and that they "agree with the Ugro-Finnic type," is authoritative. I must not omit one remarkit has probably not entered into the able passage in Tacitus. In his acninds of many persons to consider count of Germany he says: "They [the whether they should not be called Huns for ahother and more serious reason—because in fact they are Huns, or of Hun descent. While there have a modern addition, for that the people who first crossed the Rhine and expelled the Gauls, and are is a considerable infusion of Teuton now called Tungri, were then blood in Germany, my opinion is that named Germans, which appellation at base they are a Hun people. The of a particular tribe, not of a argument cannot be presented at whole people, gradually prevailed, so length in a newspaper article, but that the title of Germans, first asmore salient facts that sumed by the victors in order to exsupport the argument may be pointed cite terror, was afterward adopted by the nation in general." ertia in any accepted theory, so that Tacitus does not explain why the it has name "German" excited terror. The cit it is reason is that "Ger-man" meant "wolfbeen accepted the more difficult it is We read in the Edda that in Valhe Germans in the present war inhalla "Odin is attended by two wolves

vite inquiry and discussion and open called Geri and Freki." Geri is from the way for an argument that they gerr, greed, or gar, to swallow, from which we have the cognate words gorge have acted like Huns because they are Huns. But in spite of this settled opinions are not easily shaken, and am not certain about Freki, but I case will probably not yield readily to vrika, wolf. Garm was the "dog" with dripping fangs and bloody breast that new view, however it may be supguarded the approach to Helheim. Reluctance to accept the argument "Dog" and "wolf" seem to have been n the present case would perhaps be used interchangeably. In his sketch o partly attributable to Gibbon's well Teutonic mythology Murray says that in art Odin is represented as attended swart, apelike people of hideous asby his dogs Geri and Freki." Figuratively, the wolf was called "the dog of partly correct, but Gibbon was not an sthnologist, and he was not specially Geri and Garm, the wolf being asso ciated with the idea of greed and hunethnology was hardly a science in Gibbon's time. So that whatever porger. The same thing happened with the coyote. Coyote is a Mexican word tion of truth there may be in Gibmeaning hungry. I am not certain on's statement, it is largely, and upon that hunger is not simply hun-gerr, or It is to be remembered that the word hund (dog) is hun, "the d being Huns, not always under this name, formative addition" (Cent. Dict.) constituted an immense family exthough the term may have been ep

German is simply Geri-man or Gar chus, Mongols, Uigres, Turks, Tarman, though by a metonymy it also tars, Finns, Lapps and other tribes. means war-man (wehr-man, guerre This family is variously called Uralman). In his "History of Germany" Altaic, Tungusic, Tartar, Turanian and Menzel says that from German Scythic. They are distinctly a brachynumber of secondary meanings are cephalic people, which the Teutons admissible, as guerre, war; ger, a lance; heer, an army." Hence Hermiwell known to ethnologists. Many of ones, Heermanner and Hermunduri, them are short and dark, as Gibbon the names of old German tribes. The nescribed them, but also many are tall name is not to be confused with the and of light complexion. The Finns, times is. In his history of the Tartars generally blond, with fair or rufous Parker speaks of the Uigres, who, as "Middle Europe" is a term that is Latham says, "graduate into the Turks of Tartary" and who had rendered much in evidence to-day. Isaac Taysome assistance in war to the Chi-("Origin of the Aryans") says that "the Central European brachycephalic nese: "Their Khan, Durmogho, applied to China for permission to race agrees with the Ugro-Finnic change the national designation to a He says further that the Germans "cannot claim to be descended more warlike sense; that is, in the Chinese way of writing it, which now from the Teutons," and that "the Teubecame in the Chinese signification tonic tribes who Teutonized southern Germany differed altogether from the Houlghour or 'swooping hawks.'

In the old literature of the Nerth

Geri was the common name for wolf

plied to the animal from its likeness

existing type. In the Row Graves, which are the tombs of these invaders. the mean cephalic index is as low as We read in the Edda that when the 71.3. The nobles, descended from these brothers of Gudrun planned the murwaders, are still blue eyed and doll- der of Siegfried they induced Guttorm chocephalic, but the peasants are to do the deed by giving him "Geri's prachycephalic, with a mean index of flesh" with his drink. "With this food he became so furious that he won instantly perpetrate the deed." In the father. Everywhere in the sagas he and his followers are called "Tyrkar statement is that they gave him and Asia-men." Tyrkar being the plu-"somewhat of wolf's flesh. ral of Turk. According to the legend, idea runs all through the old literature Odin left his home in Tyrkland, of the North, Menzel says: "A malady "where he owned large possessions," unknown among other nations was and journeyed west eleven months common among the Germans. It was until he came to the Tanais (Don) called Berserkerwuth. River and built there his town of As- or, rather, madness, seized them when gard. There was deadly enmity be- at the height of their strength, more tween the "Asia-men" (Aesar) and particularly when excited by anger. the Jotnar, or Goths, whose chief when they spared neither friend nor home was Utgard, a distant or outlying place, as the name implies. This themselves. Hence arose the legend agrees with history. We read that the of the werewolf, or of men who at Huns (Hiung-nu of Chinese annals), certain hours were changed to wolves "in the third century before Christ | In another place he says: "The immense strength of the German people constituted a powerful empire extendng from the Great Wall of China to the produced in the men an intense desire Caspian Sea," and that "they first ap- to distinguish themselves by bold and pear prominently in European history daring exploits, and when stimulated in A.D. 375, when they crossed the to excess engendered the Berserker-

Volga and Don and defeated the with, a species of wolflike madness. loths" In his "Northern Antiquities" We read that Odin "was dreadful and "From the eastern shores of the Black Sea we may fol- emies with such terror that they thought they could not describe it betlow lines of barrows (graves) in a ter than by saying he rendered them blind and deaf; that he would appear northeasterly direction through the steppes of Tartary to the wilds of Silike a wolf all desperate, and biting his This very shield for rage would throw himindicates a route of travel. The Volself among the opposing ranks, maksung Saga, the great epic of the north ing around him the most fearful carnage." Such conduct on the part of the German Allfather called for em-ulation on the part of his children, esaround which Wagner wrote his nage." operas, chronicles a strife between pecially as he had his sharp eyed Valliefs of the Huns were identical with kyries to choose out of the slain those

worthy the delights of Valhalla.

The wolf is not regarded as a parwill appear. We read in Herodotus ticularly pleasant animal. It greedy, rapacious, bloodthirsty and ferocious. That a people should take this animal for their type is signifiabout in carts or wagons, ate raw emulate and imitate its traits. The meat, and were generally savage and old Hun practices and beliefs flourish ferocious. The early Germans wor- in full vigor to-day. Bernhardi and Nietzsche expound the Hun instincts of skulls, ate raw meat, carried their and even elevate them into a scheme own character." That they "looked the rest. Even Kultur is simply M upon war as a real act of jus- tila's "scourge of God" idea. tice, and esteemed force an incon- generate world is to be purged with Throughout history this people has weak had no right to what they could been remarkable for one thing it not defend." That "the gods ranged ferocious irruptions from time to these The most stupendous work ex That "their education, laws, prejudices, dertaken by man, the Great Wall morality and religion all concurred China, stands as their mon atom to make war their ruling passion and memorial. "It marked in a vivid way Their chief deity, who the blood line along which millions superseded Tyr, was Odin, "the terrible human skeletons were to he blead god of slaughter." Their heaven (or without intermission during a till Their heaven (or without intermission during a the paradise) was Valhalla, whose inmates sand years struckle." To-day we see "went forth every day and cut one another wall-of men-built around another to pieces." In brief, their this people, marking a blood line highest delight was to kill, and next to where millions of human skeletons again he bleaching. Genghis Khan I cannot dwell upon, nor even men- Timour and Attila have been terribe tion, the many things that identify names in history, and to these must the Germans with the Huns. I have now be added that of the Kaiser, la

From the Detroit Free Press. For God and country! That's our yow, God grant we may

ler's statement that the Germans

history. All bear out the thesis. Tay- the Huns."

From the Memphis Commercial Appea There's a dull, oppressive silence.
Through all the clty's ways.
For—nobedy's blowing off the foam.
These spiltry summer days.

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referred briefly to myth, legend and est and, it is to be hoped, last "King of